

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

PUBLIC SERVICES - Tahsildars - Anantapur Dist. - Sri K.Venkateswarlu, formerly MRO(now retired) Peddapappur Mandal, Anantapur Dist. - Irregularities in disbursement of crop compensation to the eligible and affected farmers - Disciplinary action initiated - Enquiry Report submitted - Imposing of punishment of withholding full pension and gratuity - Orders - Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No. 766**

**Dated: 29.05.2013.**

**Read the following:**

1. From C.C.L.A., Lr. No.VSI(5)/4026/1998, dated.22-8-2009
- 2.Govt.Memo.No.38297/Vig.II(2)/2009-2, dt.6-3-2010.
- 3.From Sri K.Venkateswarulu, M.R.O.(Retd.)representation dt. 29-3-2010.
- 4.Govt.Memo.No.38297/Vig.II(2)/2009-5, dt. 15-9-2011
- 5.From the Collector, Anantapur Letter Rc.No.A1/7285/2998, dt. 29-1-2012
- 6.From the Secretary A.P.P.S.C., Hyderabad, Lr.No.564/RT/2/2013, dt.16.03.2013.

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**ORDER:-**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above,, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration stated that Sri K.Venkateswarlu, while working as Mandal Revenue Officer, Peddapappur (M), Anantapur District committed certain irregularities in disbursement of crop compensation to the eligible and affected farmers, who lost their groundnut crop in khariff 1997-98. The District Collector, Anantapur framed charges vide his proc. Dt.25.9.98 and the Charged Officer submitted his written statement of defence denying the charges. The Collector appointed Inquiring Authority to enquire into the charges vide his proc. Dt.12.12.2000 and the Enquiry Officer submitted enquiry report stating that the charges against him are held proved. Further, as the Accused Officer retired from service on superannuation on 31.5.2004, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration furnished proposals to Government for concluding the disciplinary proceedings u/r 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

2. After examining the issue keeping in view of the findings of the enquiry report, Government have taken a provisional decision to withhold entire pension and gratuity on Sri K.Venkatesulu, former Mandal Revenue Officer (now retired) besides recovery of Rs.11,44,576/- loss sustained to Government. Accordingly, a show cause notice was issued duly informing the provisional decision along with copy of the enquiry report to submit his representation vide Govt.Memo. dt.6.3.2010.

3. In response to Show Cause Notice, Sri K.Venkatesulu, former Mandal Revenue Officer (now retd) submitted representation stating that the enquiry was not properly conducted under rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and the Enquiry Officer has not given a reasonable opportunity to defend himself and not given notice of enquiry except on 19.12.2003. He has mentioned 32 persons in Form No.I who he has proposed to examine in his defence, but the Enquiry Officer did not summon any one of them and thus he was denied a reasonable opportunity to prove his innocence and he did not conduct fair enquiry in the matter. He has also stated that Sri B.Roshan, the then Mandal Revenue Officer, Tadipatri I/c Mandal Revenue Officer, Peddapappur, on whose report the present departmental Enquiry was initiated, is an all important witness to establish the charge and he is responsible for distribution of major amount covered by the charge and his cross examination would have revealed the truth exonerating him from the charge. Unfortunately he died recently, but he was alive for 6 to 7 years after the charges were framed against him, the Enquiry Officer did not take steps to examine him and without the evidence of B.Roshan, the charge cannot be sustained. Further, the Enquiry Officer report that Sri P.Gopal Reddy, Village Administrative Officer was shown as not working (sl.No.2 & 3), where as he is presently working as Village Administrative Officer, Amalladinne, Peddapappur Mandal and he has also wrongly mentioned other Village Administrative Officers in his report.

4. He has further stated that the distribution of drought relief fund is a team work and in as much as the Village Administrative Officers prepare the list of beneficiaries based on the village accounts maintained by them and the Mandal Revenue Inspector counter checks such list, both of them play primary role and the Mandal Revenue Officer, who acts on the list so prepared by the Village Administrative Officer and Mandal Revenue Inspector, play a secondary role. If for any reason the authorities are of the opinion that a sum of Rs.11,44,576/- is misused or misspent, the liability shall be shared by all, including Sri B.Roshan, who acted as I/c Mandal Revenue Officer. But so far no action has been initiated

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either against the Village Administrative Officers or B.Roshan who are equally responsible in case the Article of Charges are held proved. Hence, the punishment proposed, of withholding of the entire pension and gratuity and recovery of Rs.11,44,576/- is disproportionate taking into consideration of the various circumstances submitted by him. Further, while enclosing the various evidences in which the District Collector, Anantapur has sanctioned half pay leave from 10.7.98 to 31.8.98, the FIR in which the accident was reported on 9.7.98 and also the Xerox copies of the checks issued during the tenure of Sri B.Roshan, I/c Mandal Revenue Officer i.e. 25.7.98 and also enclosed the statement of details of input subsidy disbursement made in Peddapappur Mandal in 1998 he has requested to drop further action against him002E

5. Government have examined the representation of the Charged Officer and it is found that the explanation of the charge officer is not convincing. The Charged Officer was responsible for ensuring that the amount was disbursed to genuine former who lost their crops under acquittances. In this case Rs.9,59,988/- was disbursed without any quittances, Rs.1,52,000/- without mentioning survey No.8, extent of land effected and another Rs.32,588/- towards forest/endowment lands. Hence, Government have decided to impose a punishment of withholding the entire pension and gratuity permanently besides recovery of loss of Rs.11,44,576/- Accordingly, Government hereby impose a punishment of withholding the entire pension and gratuity permanently besides recovery of loss of Rs.11,44,576/- on Sri K.Venkateswarlu,, M.R.O, Peddapappur(M)(now retired) after due consultation with A.P. Public Service Commission. A copy of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission concurrence is enclosed herewith.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**M.G. GOPAL**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)**

To  
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration,  
A.P., Hyderabad.  
The District Collector, Anantapur.  
Sri K.Venkateswarlu, formerly Mandal Revenue Officer,  
Peddappur (M), Ananthapur District through Collector, Ananthapur.  
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission,  
Hyderabad.  
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.  
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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER